

Rome, May 11th, 2008

***To the Sisters and the ACI Family***

Dear Family:

This letter is being written by the Commission, formed by three Sisters and four lay people, convened in Rome to prepare the ACI Family International Assembly that will take place in this city next year.

This Assembly is the fruit of a Recommendation made to Sister Inmaculada during the last General Congregation.

We all feel deeply our belonging to the ACI Family and are happy to be able to keep walking with it, so that the invitation to form part of this Commission filled us with joy, realizing that this project that was born in the Institute is truly a fruit and a gift of the Spirit. In this Assembly, the Family wants to deepen the experience of the Eucharistic-Reparation Charisma of Saint Raphaela Mary, and to consolidate our Family and grow as a body.

During these working days here in Rome we have reflected, prayed, shared experiences and feelings about how we, Sisters and lay people, are truly an ACI Family.

The working environment has been excellent. We have all given the best of ourselves, we have exchanged and clarified ideas in depth with honesty, trust, and we have felt enlightened and guided by the Spirit. Perhaps the proximity of the Feast of Pentecost has had a positive influence on our work.

It has also been a gift to be able to work side by side with the General Sister and her Assistants. They have always been opened to listening our opinions, suggestions, helping us to clarify ideas and move forward with our project.

We have feelings of gratitude for the Sisters of the Community and the Sisters who are in their Third Probation for their warm reception, their loving care, and for their support and encouragement in our work.

And finally, our THANKS, in capital letters, to God the Father for making us participants of this experience so enriching and full of hope.

The Commission.

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